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Application No. 10/624,227

Examiner: Channavajjala, Lakshmi Sarada

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For: METHOD & TOPICAL COMPOSITION FOR THE TREATMENT OF  
HYPERPIGMENTED SKIN

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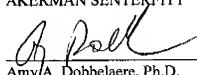
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Dear Examiner Channavajjala:

In follow up to our telephone conversation of earlier today, attached is an amended Claim Listing for use as an Examiner's Amendment. As requested, the composition claims have been cancelled and the method claims have been amended accordingly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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19. (Cancelled) A topical composition comprising.

a. about one to about five percent vismia, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of vismia effective for lightening skin;

b. about one to about five percent phytic acid, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of phytic acid effective for lightening skin; and

c. kojic acid.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of treating hyperpigmentation disorders in human skin comprising applying the composition of claim 19 to human skin a topical composition comprising.

a. about one to about five percent vismia, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of vismia effective for lightening skin;

b. about one to about five percent phytic acid, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of phytic acid effective for lightening skin; and

c. kojic acid.

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## **Proposed Amended Claims**

1. (Cancelled) A topical composition comprising a mixture of vismia in an amount effective to lighten skin and phytic acid in an amount effective to lighten skin.
2. (Cancelled) The topical composition of claim 1 wherein said amount of vismia effective to lighten skin comprises from about one to about five percent as a percent weight of said composition.
3. (Cancelled) The topical composition of claim 2 wherein said amount of phytic acid effective to lighten skin comprises from about one to about five percent as a percent weight of said composition.
4. (Cancelled) The topical composition of claim 1 wherein said composition treats hyperpigmentation disorders.
5. (Cancelled) The topical composition of claim 1 further comprising arbutin.
6. (Cancelled) The topical composition of claim 2 further comprising arbutin.
7. (Cancelled) The topical composition of claim 3 further comprising arbutin.
8. (Cancelled) The topical composition of claim 1 further comprising kojic acid.

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9. (Cancelled) The topical composition of claim 2 further comprising kojic acid.
10. (Cancelled) The topical composition of claim 3 further comprising kojic acid.
11. (Currently Amended) A method of treating hyperpigmentation disorders in human skin comprising applying ~~the composition of claim 1 to human skin~~ a topical composition comprising a mixture of vismia in an amount effective to lighten skin and phytic acid in an amount effective to lighten skin.
12. (Cancelled) A topical composition comprising
- a. about one to about five percent vismia, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of vismia effective to lighten skin; and
  - b. about one to about five percent phytic acid, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of phytic acid effective to lighten skin.
13. (Cancelled) The topical composition of claim 12 wherein said composition treats hyperpigmentation disorders.
14. (Cancelled) The topical composition of claim 12 further comprising arbutin.
15. (Cancelled) The topical composition of claim 12 further comprising kojic acid.

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16. (Currently Amended) A method of treating hyperpigmentation disorders in human skin comprising applying ~~the composition of claim 12~~ to human skin a topical composition comprising:

a. about one to about five percent vismia, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of vismia effective to lighten skin; and

b. about one to about five percent phytic acid, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of phytic acid effective to lighten skin.

17. (Cancelled) A topical composition comprising.

a. about one to about five percent vismia, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of vismia effective for lightening skin;

b. about one to about five percent phytic acid, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of phytic acid effective for lightening skin; and

c. arbutin.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of treating hyperpigmentation disorders in human skin comprising applying ~~the composition of claim 17~~ to human skin a topical composition comprising:

a. about one to about five percent vismia, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of vismia effective for lightening skin;

b. about one to about five percent phytic acid, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of phytic acid effective for lightening skin; and

c. arbutin.